

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Fighter Aircraft of IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of fighter aircraft with the Indian Air Force (IAF) are nearing the end of their operational life and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken to replace these ageing aircraft of the Indian Air Force; and
- (c) the number of ageing aircraft of the Indian Air Force involved in accidents due to technical defects during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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- (a) 11 Squadrons of Indian Air Force (IAF) equipped with MiG-21 and MiG-27 aircraft are schedule to retire by 2024 on completion of their Total Technical Life.
- (b) Phasing out of aircraft and their replacement with new generation aircraft depends upon national security, strategic objectives and operational requirements of the defence forces and is reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a continuous process.
- (c) The details of accidents of ageing aircraft (MiG-21 and MiG-27) due to technical defect during each of the last three years and the current financial year are as follows:

Year No. of aircraft

2013-14 01
2014-15 03
2015-16 01
2016-17
(upto 05.12.2016) 01
